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This is a compilation of forest fire statistics covering the Calendar Year 1961 as reported to the United States Forest Service by its field offices, cooperating States, the Department of the Interior, and the Tennessee Valley Authority.

The figures are shown separately by the individual States reporting and totals are also given for certain geographical groups of States. The tabulation is prepared in the following sections:

SUMMARY OF FOREST FIRE STATISTICS FOR 1961

Areas needing protection; areas protected and unprotected; number of fires and area burned on both protected and unprotected forest lands (Pages 1 to 4).

NUMBER OF FOREST FIRES BY CAUSE AND SIZE

For protected areas only (Pages 5 to 8).

AREA BURNED

For protected areas only (Pages 9 and 10).

The statistics shown are the most reliable information which States and Federal protection agencies were able to obtain.

Since no field organizations are available in unprotected areas to report fires, the statistics on such unprotected areas are merely the best estimates by the States. No estimates were obtained for State and private lands in Arizona and Kansas.

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SUMMARY OF FOREST FIRE STATISTICS FOR THE UNITED STATES -- CALENDAR YEAR 1961

FOR PROTECTED AND UNPROTECTED AREAS, BY STATES AND GROUPS OF STATES

(Group totals are indicated following the individual States of the group)

GROUP & STATE	OWNERSHIP	FOREST AREA 1/				NUMBER OF FIRES					AREA BURNED					BURNED PORTION OF AREA	
		Needing Protection	Pro- tected	Unpro- tected	Percent Protected	TOTAL	Protected Area			Unprotected Area	TOTAL	Protected Area			Unprotected Area	Pro- tected	Unpro- tected
		M Acres	M Acres	M Acres		Number	Number	%	Number	%	Acres	Acres	%	Acres	%	%	%
UNITED STATES	Federal	363,561	313,561	50,000	86.25	14,122	14,122	100.00	--	--	302,600	302,600	100.00	--	--	.10	--
	State & Private	442,314	412,008	30,306	93.15	84,395	72,247	85.61	12,148	14.39	2,733,619	1,125,258	41.16	1,608,361	58.84	.27	5.31
	TOTAL	805,875	725,569	80,306	90.03	98,517	86,369	87.67	12,148	12.33	3,036,219	1,427,858	47.03	1,608,361	52.97	.20	2.00
ROCKY MOUNTAIN GROUP																	
ARIZONA	Federal	18,644	18,644	--	100.00	2,556	2,556	100.00	--	--	30,877	30,877	100.00	--	--	.17	--
	State & Private	No Data															
	TOTAL	18,644	18,644	--	100.00	2,556	2,556	100.00	--	--	30,877	30,877	100.00	--	--	.17	--
COLORADO	Federal	18,271	18,271	--	100.00	293	293	100.00	--	--	4,624	4,624	100.00	--	--	.03	--
	State & Private	7,407	7,407	--	100.00	199	199	100.00	--	--	5,500	5,500	100.00	--	--	.07	--
	TOTAL	25,678	25,678	--	100.00	492	492	100.00	--	--	10,124	10,124	100.00	--	--	.04	--
IDAHO	Federal	21,221	21,221	--	100.00	1,411	1,411	100.00	--	--	64,402	64,402	100.00	--	--	.30	--
	State & Private	7,343	7,343	--	100.00	795	795	100.00	--	--	8,405	8,405	100.00	--	--	.11	--
	TOTAL	28,564	28,564	--	100.00	2,206	2,206	100.00	--	--	72,807	72,807	100.00	--	--	.25	--
MONTANA	Federal	18,951	18,951	--	100.00	1,054	1,054	100.00	--	--	38,129	38,129	100.00	--	--	.20	--
	State & Private	6,915	6,915	--	100.00	397	397	100.00	--	--	10,976	10,976	100.00	--	--	.16	--
	TOTAL	25,866	25,866	--	100.00	1,451	1,451	100.00	--	--	49,105	49,105	100.00	--	--	.19	--
NEBRASKA	Federal	355	355	--	100.00	8	8	100.00	--	--	349	349	100.00	--	--	.10	--
	State & Private	1,231	1,100	131	89.36	71	63	88.73	8	11.27	936	856	91.45	80	8.55	.08	.06
	TOTAL	1,586	1,455	131	91.74	79	71	89.87	8	10.13	1,285	1,205	93.77	80	6.23	.08	.06
NEVADA	Federal	12,950	12,950	--	100.00	119	119	100.00	--	--	13,761	13,761	100.00	--	--	.11	--
	State & Private	2,216	2,216	--	100.00	71	71	100.00	--	--	128	128	100.00	--	--	.01	--
	TOTAL	15,166	15,166	--	100.00	190	190	100.00	--	--	13,889	13,889	100.00	--	--	.09	--
NEW MEXICO	Federal	13,361	13,361	--	100.00	1,135	1,135	100.00	--	--	2,722	2,722	100.00	--	--	.02	--
	State & Private	4,396	1,747	2,649	39.74	305	85	27.87	220	72.13	2,046	646	31.57	1,400	68.43	.04	.05
	TOTAL	17,757	15,108	2,649	85.08	1,440	1,220	84.72	220	15.28	4,768	3,368	70.64	1,400	29.36	.02	.05
SOUTH DAKOTA	Federal	2,340	2,340	--	100.00	185	185	100.00	--	--	3,501	3,501	100.00	--	--	.15	--
	State & Private	2,827	2,827	--	100.00	139	139	100.00	--	--	106	106	100.00	--	--	neg.	--
	TOTAL	5,167	5,167	--	100.00	324	324	100.00	--	--	3,607	3,607	100.00	--	--	.07	--
UTAH	Federal	15,662	15,662	--	100.00	204	204	100.00	--	--	2,041	2,041	100.00	--	--	.01	--
	State & Private	6,380	5,903	477	92.52	251	221	88.05	30	11.95	16,956	16,396	96.70	560	3.30	.28	.12
	TOTAL	22,042	21,565	477	97.84	455	425	93.41	30	6.59	18,997	18,437	97.05	560	2.95	.09	.12
WYOMING*	Federal	12,476	12,476	--	100.00	185	185	100.00	--	--	1,403	1,403	100.00	--	--	.01	--
	State & Private	4,500	2,186	2,314	48.58	196	97	49.49	99	50.51	392	194	49.49	198	50.51	.01	.01
	TOTAL	16,976	14,662	2,314	86.37	381	282	74.02	99	25.98	1,795	1,597	88.97	198	11.03	.01	.01
GROUP TOTAL	Federal	134,231	134,231	--	100.00	7,150	7,150	100.00	--	--	161,809	161,809	100.00	--	--	.12	--
	State & Private	43,215	37,644	5,571	87.11	2,424	2,067	85.27	357	14.73	45,445	43,207	95.08	2,238	4.92	.11	.04
1961	TOTAL	177,446	171,875	5,571	96.86	9,574	9,217	96.27	357	3.73	207,254	205,016	98.92	2,238	1.08	.12	.04

1/ Includes 20,525 acres State and privately-owned nonforest critical watershed areas.

PACIFIC GROUP																		
ALASKA*	Federal	147,727	97,727	50,000	66.15	32	32	100.00	--	--	11	11	100.00	--	--	neg.	--	
	State & Private	3,185	3,185	--	100.00	25	25	100.00	--	--	298	298	100.00	--	--	.01	--	
	TOTAL	150,912	100,912	50,000	66.87	57	57	100.00	--	--	309	309	100.00	--	--	neg.	--	
CALIFORNIA	Federal	23,077	23,077	--	100.00	2,489	2,489	100.00	--	--	57,145	57,145	100.00	--	--	.25	--	
	State & Private	19,810	19,810	--	100.00	2,631	2,631	100.00	--	--	212,641	212,641	100.00	--	--	1.07	--	
	TOTAL	42,887	42,887	--	100.00	5,120	5,120	100.00	--	--	269,786	269,786	100.00	--	--	.63	--	
HAWAII	Federal	33	33	--	100.00	1	1	100.00	--	--	2	2	100.00	--	--	.01	--	
	State & Private	1,152	1,152	--	100.00	35	35	100.00	--	--	1,953	1,953	100.00	--	--	.17	--	
	TOTAL	1,185	1,185	--	100.00	36	36	100.00	--	--	1,955	1,955	100.00	--	--	.16	--	
OREGON	Federal	18,776	18,776	--	100.00	2,121	2,121	100.00	--	--	28,976	28,976	100.00	--	--	.15	--	
	State & Private	12,141	12,141	--	100.00	1,252	1,252	100.00	--	--	45,976	45,976	100.00	--	--	.38	--	
	TOTAL	30,917	30,917	--	100.00	3,373	3,373	100.00	--	--	74,952	74,952	100.00	--	--	.24	--	
WASHINGTON*	Federal	12,558	12,558	--	100.00	1,044	1,044	100.00	--	--	35,883	35,883	100.00	--	--	.29	--	
	State & Private	12,280	12,280	--	100.00	1,658	1,658	100.00	--	--	12,245	12,245	100.00	--	--	.10	--	
	TOTAL	24,838	24,838	--	100.00	2,702	2,702	100.00	--	--	48,128	48,128	100.00	--	--	.19	--	
GROUP TOTAL	Federal	202,171	152,171	50,000	75.27	5,687	5,687	100.00	--	--	122,017	122,017	100.00	--	--	.08	--	
1961	State & Private	48,568	48,568	--	100.00	5,601	5,601	100.00	--	--	273,113	273,113	100.00	--	--	.56	--	
	TOTAL	250,739	200,739	50,000	80.06	11,288	11,288	100.00	--	--	395,130	395,130	100.00	--	--	.20	--	
NORTH CENTRAL GROUP																		
ILLINOIS	Federal	235	235	--	100.00	16	16	100.00	--	--	153	153	100.00	--	--	.07	--	
	State & Private	3,170	3,170	--	100.00	406	406	100.00	--	--	7,402	7,402	100.00	--	--	.23	--	
	TOTAL	3,405	3,405	--	100.00	422	422	100.00	--	--	7,555	7,555	100.00	--	--	.22	--	
INDIANA*	Federal	123	123	--	100.00	5	5	100.00	--	--	26	26	100.00	--	--	.02	--	
	State & Private	3,926	3,926	--	100.00	180	180	100.00	--	--	5,557	5,557	100.00	--	--	.14	--	
	TOTAL	4,049	4,049	--	100.00	185	185	100.00	--	--	5,583	5,583	100.00	--	--	.14	--	
IOWA	Federal	17	17	--	100.00	1	1	100.00	--	--	10	10	100.00	--	--	.06	--	
	State & Private	2,277	2,277	--	100.00	9	9	100.00	--	--	22	22	100.00	--	--	neg.	--	
	TOTAL	2,294	2,294	--	100.00	10	10	100.00	--	--	32	32	100.00	--	--	neg.	--	
MICHIGAN	Federal	2,751	2,751	--	100.00	57	57	100.00	--	--	289	289	100.00	--	--	.01	--	
	State & Private	17,205	17,205	--	100.00	1,270	1,270	100.00	--	--	8,833	8,833	100.00	--	--	.05	--	
	TOTAL	19,956	19,956	--	100.00	1,327	1,327	100.00	--	--	9,122	9,122	100.00	--	--	.05	--	
MINNESOTA	Federal	3,259	3,259	--	100.00	131	131	100.00	--	--	4,051	4,051	100.00	--	--	.12	--	
	State & Private	17,771	17,771	--	100.00	1,536	1,536	100.00	--	--	71,540	71,540	100.00	--	--	.40	--	
	TOTAL	21,030	21,030	--	100.00	1,667	1,667	100.00	--	--	75,591	75,591	100.00	--	--	.36	--	
MISSOURI	Federal	1,379	1,379	--	100.00	133	133	100.00	--	--	714	714	100.00	--	--	.05	--	
	State & Private	13,825	9,882	3,943	71.48	6,717	2,717	40.45	4,000	59.55	437,475	37,475	8.57	400,000	91.43	.38	10.14	
	TOTAL	15,204	11,261	3,943	74.07	6,850	2,850	41.61	4,000	58.39	438,189	38,189	8.72	400,000	91.28	.34	10.14	
NORTH DAKOTA	Federal	1,180	1,180	--	100.00	11	11	100.00	--	--	940	940	100.00	--	--	.08	--	
	State & Private	228	121	107	53.07	24	9	37.50	15	62.50	2,303	778	33.78	1,525	66.22	.64	1.43	
	TOTAL	1,408	1,301	107	92.40	35	20	57.14	15	42.86	3,243	1,718	52.98	1,525	47.02	.13	1.43	
OHIO	Federal	108	108	--	100.00	8	8	100.00	--	--	45	45	100.00	--	--	.04	--	
	State & Private	3,923	3,923	--	100.00	657	657	100.00	--	--	1,872	1,872	100.00	--	--	.05	--	
	TOTAL	4,031	4,031	--	100.00	665	665	100.00	--	--	1,917	1,917	100.00	--	--	.05	--	
WISCONSIN	Federal	1,890	1,890	--	100.00	42	42	100.00	--	--	1,191	1,191	100.00	--	--	.06	--	
	State & Private	15,297	15,297	--	100.00	1,906	1,906	100.00	--	--	13,317	13,317	100.00	--	--	.09	--	
	TOTAL	17,187	17,187	--	100.00	1,948	1,948	100.00	--	--	14,508	14,508	100.00	--	--	.08	--	
GROUP TOTAL	Federal	10,942	10,942	--	100.00	404	404	100.00	--	--	7,419	7,419	100.00	--	--	.07	--	
1961	State & Private	77,622	73,572	4,050	94.78	12,705	8,690	68.40	4,015	31.60	548,321	146,796	26.77	401,525	73.23	.20	9.91	
	TOTAL	88,564	84,514	4,050	95.43	13,109	9,094	69.37	4,015	30.63	555,740	154,215	27.75	401,525	72.25	.18	9.91	

* Area needing protection revised by State report pending completion of the Area and Cost Revision in 1965. Alaska acreage will vary periodically as land is selected under the Statehood Act.

GROUP & STATE	OWNERSHIP	FOREST AREA				NUMBER OF FIRES				AREA BURNED				BURNED PORTION OF AREA			
		Needing Protection	Pro- tected	Unpro- tected	Precent Protected	TOTAL	Protected Area		Unprotected Area		TOTAL	Protected Area		Unprotected Area		Pro- tected	Unpro- tected
		M Acres	M Acres	M Acres		Number	Number	%	Number	%	Acres	Acres	%	Acres	%	%	%
SOUTHERN GROUP																	
ALABAMA	Federal	662	662	--	100.00	79	79	100.00	--	--	398	398	100.00	--	--	.06	--
	State & Private	19,990	19,990	--	100.00	5,896	5,896	100.00	--	--	88,544	88,544	100.00	--	--	.44	--
	TOTAL	20,652	20,652	--	100.00	5,975	5,975	100.00	--	--	88,942	88,942	100.00	--	--	.43	--
ARKANSAS	Federal	2,507	2,507	--	100.00	80	80	100.00	--	--	1,305	1,305	100.00	--	--	.05	--
	State & Private	16,535	16,535	--	100.00	2,343	2,343	100.00	--	--	49,606	49,606	100.00	--	--	.30	--
	TOTAL	19,042	19,042	--	100.00	2,423	2,423	100.00	--	--	50,911	50,911	100.00	--	--	.27	--
FLORIDA	Federal	1,377	1,377	--	100.00	131	131	100.00	--	--	2,774	2,774	100.00	--	--	.20	--
	State & Private	20,500	17,231	3,269	84.05	8,420	6,241	74.12	2,179	25.88	748,873	95,108	12.70	653,765	87.30	.55	20.00
	TOTAL	21,877	18,608	3,269	85.06	8,551	6,372	74.52	2,179	25.48	751,647	97,882	13.02	653,765	86.98	.53	20.00
GEORGIA	Federal	849	849	--	100.00	38	38	100.00	--	--	98	98	100.00	--	--	.01	--
	State & Private	22,418	22,081	337	98.50	9,481	8,862	93.47	619	6.53	139,025	67,125	48.28	71,900	51.72	.30	21.34
	TOTAL	23,267	22,930	337	98.55	9,519	8,900	93.50	619	6.50	139,123	67,223	48.32	71,900	51.68	.29	21.34
LOUISIANA	Federal	596	596	--	100.00	41	41	100.00	--	--	753	753	100.00	--	--	.13	--
	State & Private	15,383	11,899	3,484	77.35	3,873	3,573	92.25	300	7.75	50,486	47,486	94.06	3,000	5.94	.40	.09
	TOTAL	15,979	12,495	3,484	78.20	3,914	3,614	92.34	300	7.66	51,239	48,239	94.15	3,000	5.85	.39	.09
MISSISSIPPI	Federal	1,197	1,197	--	100.00	156	156	100.00	--	--	1,634	1,634	100.00	--	--	.14	--
	State & Private	15,301	14,339	962	93.71	7,081	5,730	80.92	1,351	19.08	103,583	65,728	63.45	37,855	36.55	.46	3.94
	TOTAL	16,498	15,536	962	94.17	7,237	5,886	81.33	1,351	18.67	105,217	67,362	64.02	37,855	35.98	.43	3.94
NORTH CAROLINA	Federal	1,482	1,482	--	100.00	55	55	100.00	--	--	796	796	100.00	--	--	.05	--
	State & Private	18,360	17,279	1,081	94.11	3,765	3,480	92.43	285	7.57	65,985	59,221	89.75	6,764	10.25	.34	.63
	TOTAL	19,842	18,761	1,081	94.55	3,820	3,535	92.54	285	7.46	66,781	60,017	89.87	6,764	10.13	.32	.63
OKLAHOMA	Federal	463	463	--	100.00	27	27	100.00	--	--	1,467	1,467	100.00	--	--	.32	--
	State & Private	8,248	4,488	3,760	54.41	2,235	435	19.46	1,800	80.54	399,541	39,541	9.90	360,000	90.10	.88	9.57
	TOTAL	8,711	4,951	3,760	56.84	2,262	462	20.42	1,800	79.58	401,008	41,008	10.23	360,000	89.77	.83	9.57
SOUTH CAROLINA	Federal	623	623	--	100.00	79	79	100.00	--	--	707	707	100.00	--	--	.11	--
	State & Private	11,175	11,175	--	100.00	4,576	4,576	100.00	--	--	56,362	56,362	100.00	--	--	.50	--
	TOTAL	11,798	11,798	--	100.00	4,655	4,655	100.00	--	--	57,069	57,069	100.00	--	--	.48	--
TENNESSEE*	Federal	952	952	--	100.00	71	71	100.00	--	--	364	364	100.00	--	--	.04	--
	State & Private	12,871	11,367	1,504	88.31	3,412	3,014	88.34	398	11.66	32,028	19,248	60.10	12,780	39.90	.17	.85
	TOTAL	13,823	12,319	1,504	89.12	3,483	3,085	88.57	398	11.43	32,392	19,612	60.55	12,780	39.45	.16	.85
TEXAS*	Federal	812	812	--	100.00	37	37	100.00	--	--	163	163	100.00	--	--	.02	--
	State & Private	14,870	9,770	5,100	65.70	1,553	953	61.37	600	38.63	60,197	10,197	16.94	50,000	83.06	.10	.98
	TOTAL	15,682	10,582	5,100	67.48	1,590	990	62.26	600	37.74	60,360	10,360	17.16	50,000	82.84	.10	.98
	Federal	11,520	11,520	--	100.00	794	794	100.00	--	--	10,459	10,459	100.00	--	--	.09	--
	State & Private	175,651	156,154	19,497	88.90	52,635	45,103	85.69	7,532	14.31	1,794,230	598,166	33.34	1,196,064	66.66	.38	6.13
	TOTAL	187,171	167,674	19,497	89.58	53,429	45,897	85.90	7,532	14.10	1,804,689	608,625	33.72	1,196,064	66.28	.36	6.13

* Area needing protection revised by State report pending completion of the Area and Cost Revision in 1965.

EASTERN GROUP																	
CONNECTICUT	Federal	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
	State & Private	1,989	1,989	--	100.00	250	250	100.00	--	--	967	967	100.00	--	--	.05	--
	TOTAL	1,989	1,989	--	100.00	250	250	100.00	--	--	967	967	100.00	--	--	.05	--
DELAWARE	Federal	1	1	--	100.00	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
	State & Private	453	453	--	100.00	29	29	100.00	--	--	37	37	100.00	--	--	.01	--
	TOTAL	454	454	--	100.00	29	29	100.00	--	--	37	37	100.00	--	--	.01	--
KENTUCKY	Federal	573	573	--	100.00	32	32	100.00	--	--	290	290	100.00	--	--	.05	--
	State & Private	10,774	9,586	1,188	88.97	1,713	1,469	85.76	244	14.24	36,177	27,643	76.41	8,534	23.59	.29	.72
	TOTAL	11,347	10,159	1,188	89.53	1,745	1,501	86.02	244	13.98	36,467	27,933	76.60	8,534	23.40	.27	.72
MAINE	Federal	95	95	--	100.00	1	1	100.00	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
	State & Private	16,973	16,973	--	100.00	402	402	100.00	--	--	2,481	2,481	100.00	--	--	.01	--
	TOTAL	17,068	17,068	--	100.00	403	403	100.00	--	--	2,481	2,481	100.00	--	--	.01	--
MARYLAND	Federal	12	12	--	100.00	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
	State & Private	2,850	2,850	--	100.00	258	258	100.00	--	--	547	547	100.00	--	--	.02	--
	TOTAL	2,862	2,862	--	100.00	258	258	100.00	--	--	547	547	100.00	--	--	.02	--
MASSACHUSETTS	Federal	2	2	--	100.00	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
	State & Private	3,252	3,252	--	100.00	4,001	4,001	100.00	--	--	5,686	5,686	100.00	--	--	.17	--
	TOTAL	3,254	3,254	--	100.00	4,001	4,001	100.00	--	--	5,686	5,686	100.00	--	--	.17	--
NEW HAMPSHIRE	Federal	678	678	--	100.00	4	4	100.00	--	--	1	1	100.00	--	--	neg.	--
	State & Private	4,182	4,182	--	100.00	341	341	100.00	--	--	798	798	100.00	--	--	.02	--
	TOTAL	4,860	4,860	--	100.00	345	345	100.00	--	--	799	799	100.00	--	--	.02	--
NEW JERSEY	Federal	1	1	--	100.00	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
	State & Private	2,095	2,095	--	100.00	876	876	100.00	--	--	4,835	4,835	100.00	--	--	.23	--
	TOTAL	2,096	2,096	--	100.00	876	876	100.00	--	--	4,835	4,835	100.00	--	--	.23	--
NEW YORK	Federal	20	20	--	100.00	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
	State & Private	12,995	12,995	--	100.00	663	663	100.00	--	--	4,440	4,440	100.00	--	--	.03	--
	TOTAL	13,015	13,015	--	100.00	663	663	100.00	--	--	4,440	4,440	100.00	--	--	.03	--
PENNSYLVANIA	Federal	474	474	--	100.00	6	6	100.00	--	--	67	67	100.00	--	--	.01	--
	State & Private	14,704	14,704	--	100.00	534	534	100.00	--	--	3,037	3,037	100.00	--	--	.02	--
	TOTAL	15,178	15,178	--	100.00	540	540	100.00	--	--	3,104	3,104	100.00	--	--	.02	--
RHODE ISLAND	Federal	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
	State & Private	434	434	--	100.00	100	100	100.00	--	--	475	475	100.00	--	--	.11	--
	TOTAL	434	434	--	100.00	100	100	100.00	--	--	475	475	100.00	--	--	.11	--
VERMONT	Federal	233	233	--	100.00	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
	State & Private	3,517	3,517	--	100.00	114	114	100.00	--	--	248	248	100.00	--	--	.01	--
	TOTAL	3,750	3,750	--	100.00	114	114	100.00	--	--	248	248	100.00	--	--	.01	--
VIRGINIA	Federal	1,703	1,703	--	100.00	35	35	100.00	--	--	489	489	100.00	--	--	.03	--
	State & Private	14,033	14,033	--	100.00	1,158	1,158	100.00	--	--	3,807	3,807	100.00	--	--	.03	--
	TOTAL	15,736	15,736	--	100.00	1,193	1,193	100.00	--	--	4,296	4,296	100.00	--	--	.03	--
WEST VIRGINIA	Federal	905	905	--	100.00	9	9	100.00	--	--	49	49	100.00	--	--	.01	--
	State & Private	9,007	9,007	--	100.00	591	591	100.00	--	--	8,975	8,975	100.00	--	--	.10	--
	TOTAL	9,912	9,912	--	100.00	600	600	100.00	--	--	9,024	9,024	100.00	--	--	.09	--
GROUP TOTAL	Federal	4,697	4,697	--	100.00	87	87	100.00	--	--	896	896	100.00	--	--	.02	--
	State & Private	97,258	96,070	1,188	98.78	11,030	10,786	97.79	244	2.21	72,510	63,976	88.23	8,534	11.77	.07	.72
1961	TOTAL	101,955	100,767	1,188	98.83	11,117	10,873	97.81	244	2.19	73,406	64,872	88.37	8,534	11.63	.06	.72

NUMBER OF FOREST FIRES IN THE UNITED STATES BY CAUSE AND SIZE - CALENDAR YEAR 1961

PROTECTED AREAS ONLY - BY STATES AND GROUPS OF STATES

GROUP AND STATE	OWNERSHIP	NUMBER OF FIRES - BY CAUSE									NUMBER OF FIRES BY SIZE			
		Lightning	Railroads	Campers	Smokers	Debris Burning	Incendiary	Lumbering	Miscellaneous	TOTAL	Under 1/4 Acre	1/4 - 10 Acres	Over 10 Acres	TOTAL
UNITED STATES	Federal	10,908	72	779	844	305	443	192	579	14,122	10,638	2,766	718	14,122
	State & Private	3,950	3,299	2,459	13,484	20,088	16,916	1,221	10,830	72,247	14,022	44,332	13,893	72,247
	TOTAL	14,858	3,371	3,238	14,328	20,393	17,359	1,413	11,409	86,369	24,660	47,098	14,611	86,369
ROCKY MOUNTAIN GROUP														
ARIZONA	Federal	2,335	2	74	58	21	11	6	49	2,556	1,952	507	97	2,556
	State & Private	No Data												
	TOTAL	2,335	2	74	58	21	11	6	49	2,556	1,952	507	97	2,556
COLORADO	Federal	214	2	36	17	5	--	7	12	293	242	38	13	293
	State & Private	53	12	20	13	57	2	--	42	199	100	69	30	199
	TOTAL	267	14	56	30	62	2	7	54	492	342	107	43	492
IDAHO	Federal	1,258	1	52	43	10	6	16	25	1,411	1,104	223	84	1,411
	State & Private	426	37	18	75	64	4	5	166	795	542	184	69	795
	TOTAL	1,684	38	70	118	74	10	21	191	2,206	1,646	407	153	2,206
MONTANA	Federal	911	2	33	48	7	8	18	27	1,054	783	206	65	1,054
	State & Private	247	25	20	34	19	3	10	39	397	312	68	17	397
	TOTAL	1,158	27	53	82	26	11	28	66	1,451	1,095	274	82	1,451
NEBRASKA	Federal	7	--	--	--	1	--	--	--	8	1	4	3	8
	State & Private	52	6	--	2	2	--	--	1	63	2	43	18	63
	TOTAL	59	6	--	2	3	--	--	1	71	3	47	21	71
NEVADA	Federal	101	3	4	6	3	--	1	1	119	81	12	26	119
	State & Private	23	2	7	4	14	2	--	19	71	63	6	2	71
	TOTAL	124	5	11	10	17	2	1	20	190	144	18	28	190
NEW MEXICO	Federal	1,053	1	33	12	13	1	3	19	1,135	940	182	13	1,135
	State & Private	67	--	8	3	--	--	1	6	85	70	14	1	85
	TOTAL	1,120	1	41	15	13	1	4	25	1,220	1,010	196	14	1,220
SOUTH DAKOTA	Federal	152	--	5	3	--	--	3	22	185	139	35	11	185
	State & Private	77	7	1	6	15	6	5	22	139	87	51	1	139
	TOTAL	229	7	6	9	15	6	8	44	324	226	86	12	324
UTAH	Federal	163	2	10	10	2	--	2	15	204	160	32	12	204
	State & Private	49	23	6	26	41	7	--	69	221	115	68	38	221
	TOTAL	212	25	16	36	43	7	2	84	425	275	100	50	425
WYOMING	Federal	127	--	23	9	3	2	5	16	185	150	26	9	185
	State & Private	95	--	--	--	1	--	--	17	97	69	24	4	97
	TOTAL	222	--	23	9	4	2	5	17	282	219	50	13	282
GROUP TOTAL 1961	Federal	6,321	13	270	206	65	28	61	186	7,150	5,552	1,265	333	7,150
	State & Private	1,089	112	80	163	213	24	21	365	2,067	1,360	527	180	2,067
	TOTAL	7,410	125	350	369	278	52	82	551	9,217	6,912	1,792	513	9,217

PACIFIC GROUP														
ALASKA	Federal	--	--	5	4	17	1	--	5	32	14	15	3	32
	State & Private	--	--	4	2	16	1	--	2	25	5	14	6	25
	TOTAL	--	--	9	6	33	2	--	7	57	19	29	9	57
CALIFORNIA	Federal	2,025	17	60	150	19	40	20	158	2,489	2,143	282	64	2,489
	State & Private	522	78	76	610	224	311	60	750	2,631	1,564	775	292	2,631
	TOTAL	2,547	95	136	760	243	351	80	908	5,120	3,707	1,057	356	5,120
HAWAII	Federal	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1	1	--	1	--	1
	State & Private	--	--	--	7	4	--	--	24	35	3	23	9	35
	TOTAL	--	--	--	7	4	--	--	25	36	3	24	9	36
OREGON	Federal	1,643	22	207	119	14	6	52	58	2,121	1,742	314	65	2,121
	State & Private	479	44	70	230	132	24	60	213	1,252	848	291	113	1,252
	TOTAL	2,122	66	277	349	146	30	112	271	3,373	2,590	605	178	3,373
WASHINGTON	Federal	786	2	108	77	9	3	41	18	1,044	812	180	52	1,044
	State & Private	470	157	114	275	221	53	38	330	1,658	1,180	415	63	1,658
	TOTAL	1,256	159	222	352	230	56	79	348	2,702	1,992	595	115	2,702
GROUP TOTAL		4,454	41	380	350	59	50	113	240	5,687	4,711	792	184	5,687
1961		1,471	279	264	1,124	597	389	158	1,319	5,601	3,600	1,518	483	5,601
		5,925	320	644	1,474	656	439	271	1,559	11,288	8,311	2,310	667	11,288
NORTH CENTRAL GROUP														
ILLINOIS	Federal	--	--	--	3	6	5	--	2	16	7	6	3	16
	State & Private	--	27	4	46	206	77	--	46	406	53	210	143	406
	TOTAL	--	27	4	49	212	82	--	48	422	60	216	146	422
INDIANA	Federal	--	--	--	4	--	1	--	--	5	1	3	1	5
	State & Private	1	3	2	30	88	5	1	50	180	9	100	71	180
	TOTAL	1	3	2	34	88	6	1	50	185	10	103	72	185
IOWA	Federal	--	--	--	--	1	--	--	--	1	--	1	--	1
	State & Private	--	--	--	--	8	--	--	1	9	--	9	--	9
	TOTAL	--	--	--	--	9	--	--	1	10	--	10	--	10
MICHIGAN	Federal	4	4	8	21	5	10	1	4	57	25	29	3	57
	State & Private	15	100	86	281	478	76	9	225	1,270	273	854	143	1,270
	TOTAL	19	104	94	302	483	86	10	229	1,327	298	883	146	1,327
MINNESOTA	Federal	27	2	32	25	6	15	3	21	131	79	35	17	131
	State & Private	25	80	103	229	555	96	18	430	1,536	326	707	503	1,536
	TOTAL	52	82	135	254	561	101	21	451	1,667	405	742	520	1,667
MISSOURI	Federal	3	1	6	13	42	57	1	10	133	40	75	18	133
	State & Private	7	109	38	118	1,347	902	27	169	2,717	347	1,670	700	2,717
	TOTAL	10	110	44	131	1,389	959	28	179	2,850	387	1,745	718	2,850
NORTH DAKOTA	Federal	3	1	--	--	2	--	--	5	11	1	8	2	11
	State & Private	--	--	--	--	9	--	--	--	9	--	--	9	9
	TOTAL	3	1	--	--	11	--	--	5	20	1	8	11	20
OHIO	Federal	--	--	--	3	--	--	--	5	8	1	6	1	8
	State & Private	1	122	15	122	277	39	--	81	657	172	441	44	657
	TOTAL	1	122	15	125	277	39	--	86	665	173	447	45	665
WISCONSIN	Federal	--	--	--	16	7	6	--	13	42	19	15	8	42
	State & Private	25	347	44	368	582	143	14	383	1,906	714	1,012	180	1,906
	TOTAL	25	347	44	384	589	149	14	396	1,948	733	1,027	188	1,948
GROUP TOTAL		37	8	46	85	69	94	5	60	404	173	178	53	404
1961		74	788	292	1,194	3,550	1,338	69	1,385	8,690	1,894	5,003	1,793	8,690
		111	796	338	1,279	3,619	1,432	74	1,445	9,094	2,067	5,181	1,846	9,094

GROUP AND STATE	OWNERSHIP	NUMBER OF FIRES - BY CAUSE									NUMBER OF FIRES - BY SIZE			
		Lightning	Railroads	Campers	Smokers	Debris Burning	Incendiary	Lumbering	Miscellaneous	TOTAL	Under 1/4 Acre .	1/4 - 10 Acres	Over 10 Acres	TOTAL
SOUTHERN GROUP														
ALABAMA	Federal	4	1	7	25	15	21	1	5	79	14	53	12	79
	State & Private	39	117	162	1,346	1,444	2,027	98	663	5,896	150	3,984	1,762	5,896
	TOTAL	43	118	169	1,371	1,459	2,048	99	668	5,975	164	4,037	1,774	5,975
ARKANSAS	Federal	19	--	11	13	13	15	1	8	80	25	40	15	80
	State & Private	23	129	28	380	811	813	30	129	2,343	166	1,259	918	2,343
	TOTAL	42	129	39	393	824	828	31	137	2,423	191	1,299	933	2,423
FLORIDA	Federal	54	--	4	30	9	16	2	16	131	31	70	30	131
	State & Private	701	202	163	1,154	1,562	2,118	143	198	6,241	723	3,970	1,548	6,241
	TOTAL	755	202	167	1,184	1,571	2,134	145	214	6,372	754	4,040	1,578	6,372
GEORGIA	Federal	1	--	1	13	3	12	--	8	38	17	21	--	38
	State & Private	326	569	49	1,450	2,971	1,199	345	1,953	8,862	939	6,773	1,150	8,862
	TOTAL	327	569	50	1,463	2,974	1,211	345	1,961	8,900	956	6,794	1,150	8,900
LOUISIANA	Federal	1	--	3	8	4	21	--	4	41	2	28	11	41
	State & Private	7	92	163	1,013	257	1,922	47	72	3,573	300	2,573	700	3,573
	TOTAL	8	92	166	1,021	261	1,943	47	76	3,614	302	2,601	711	3,614
MISSISSIPPI	Federal	3	--	11	33	13	80	2	14	156	26	107	23	156
	State & Private	25	43	39	820	1,499	2,986	40	278	5,730	93	4,314	1,323	5,730
	TOTAL	28	43	50	853	1,512	3,066	42	292	5,886	119	4,421	1,346	5,886
NORTH CAROLINA	Federal	1	3	9	10	14	13	--	5	55	13	31	11	55
	State & Private	19	89	412	626	1,100	579	48	607	3,480	286	2,266	928	3,480
	TOTAL	20	92	421	636	1,114	592	48	612	3,535	299	2,297	939	3,535
OKLAHOMA	Federal	1	--	10	6	5	5	--	--	27	4	10	13	27
	State & Private	2	6	7	39	72	271	7	31	435	18	151	266	435
	TOTAL	3	6	17	45	77	276	7	31	462	22	161	279	462
SOUTH CAROLINA	Federal	2	3	2	19	7	37	1	8	79	4	66	9	79
	State & Private	28	126	118	1,477	1,239	1,062	87	439	4,576	504	3,067	1,005	4,576
	TOTAL	30	129	120	1,496	1,246	1,099	88	447	4,655	508	3,133	1,014	4,655
TENNESSEE	Federal	2	1	9	12	14	24	--	9	71	24	41	6	71
	State & Private	2	118	330	435	1,262	660	44	163	3,014	69	2,585	360	3,014
	TOTAL	4	119	339	447	1,276	684	44	172	3,085	93	2,626	366	3,085
TEXAS	Federal	2	1	10	11	4	6	1	2	37	14	22	1	37
	State & Private	3	30	22	224	370	201	29	74	953	263	546	144	953
	TOTAL	5	31	32	235	374	207	30	76	990	277	568	145	990
GROUP TOTAL	Federal	90	9	77	180	101	250	8	79	794	174	489	131	794
1961	State & Private	1,175	1,521	1,493	8,964	12,587	13,838	918	4,607	45,103	3,511	31,488	10,104	45,103
	TOTAL	1,265	1,530	1,570	9,144	12,688	14,088	926	4,686	45,897	3,685	31,977	10,235	45,897

EASTERN GROUP														
CONNECTICUT	Federal	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
	State & Private	--	24	14	62	81	14	2	53	250	37	185	28	250
	TOTAL	--	24	14	62	81	14	2	53	250	37	185	28	250
DELAWARE	Federal	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
	State & Private	--	--	--	4	18	1	1	5	29	15	14	--	29
	TOTAL	--	--	--	4	18	1	1	5	29	15	14	--	29
KENTUCKY	Federal	--	1	3	10	2	11	2	3	32	7	15	10	32
	State & Private	1	42	54	170	863	158	6	175	1,469	16	763	690	1,469
	TOTAL	1	43	57	180	865	169	8	178	1,501	23	778	700	1,501
MAINE	Federal	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1	--	1	--	1
	State & Private	76	23	30	89	98	24	23	39	402	169	190	43	402
	TOTAL	77	23	30	89	98	24	23	39	403	169	191	43	403
MARYLAND	Federal	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
	State & Private	2	18	13	110	42	28	--	45	258	81	168	9	258
	TOTAL	2	18	13	110	42	28	--	45	258	81	168	9	258
MASSACHUSETTS	Federal	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
	State & Private	--	149	28	247	1,290	437	--	1,850	4,001	2,147	1,795	59	4,001
	TOTAL	--	149	28	247	1,290	437	--	1,850	4,001	2,147	1,795	59	4,001
NEW HAMPSHIRE	Federal	1	--	1	--	--	--	--	2	4	3	1	--	4
	State & Private	12	71	13	76	78	36	3	52	341	274	58	9	341
	TOTAL	13	71	14	76	78	36	3	54	345	277	59	9	345
NEW JERSEY	Federal	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
	State & Private	2	32	7	543	84	160	--	48	876	256	580	40	876
	TOTAL	2	32	7	543	84	160	--	48	876	256	580	40	876
NEW YORK	Federal	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
	State & Private	16	34	28	142	138	41	5	259	663	167	430	66	663
	TOTAL	16	34	28	142	138	41	5	259	663	167	430	66	663
PENNSYLVANIA	Federal	--	--	1	--	1	--	--	4	6	1	4	1	6
	State & Private	2	76	106	165	44	92	1	48	534	86	369	79	534
	TOTAL	2	76	107	165	45	92	1	52	540	87	373	80	540
RHODE ISLAND	Federal	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
	State & Private	2	2	1	1	12	60	--	22	100	23	70	7	100
	TOTAL	2	2	1	1	12	60	--	22	100	23	70	7	100
VERMONT	Federal	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
	State & Private	7	4	2	25	50	4	2	20	114	47	63	4	114
	TOTAL	7	4	2	25	50	4	2	20	114	47	63	4	114
VIRGINIA	Federal	3	--	1	9	6	9	3	4	35	13	18	4	35
	State & Private	17	102	19	340	270	110	8	292	1,158	306	766	86	1,158
	TOTAL	20	102	20	349	276	119	11	296	1,193	319	784	90	1,193
WEST VIRGINIA	Federal	1	--	--	4	2	1	--	1	9	4	3	2	9
	State & Private	4	22	15	65	73	162	4	246	591	33	345	213	591
	TOTAL	5	22	15	69	75	163	4	247	600	37	348	215	600
GROUP TOTAL		6	1	6	23	11	21	5	14	87	28	42	17	87
1961		141	599	330	2,039	3,141	1,327	55	3,154	10,786	3,657	5,796	1,333	10,786
		147	600	336	2,062	3,152	1,348	60	3,168	10,873	3,685	5,838	1,350	10,873

AREA BURNED BY FOREST FIRES IN THE UNITED STATES, BY TYPE CLASSES - CALENDAR YEAR 1961

PROTECTED AREAS ONLY - BY STATES AND GROUPS OF STATES

GROUP AND STATE	OWNERSHIP	PROTECTED AREA BURNED			
		Forest Land	Non-forest Land	TOTAL	Average Area Per Fire
		Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres
UNITED STATES	Federal State & Private TOTAL	128,994 718,159 847,153	173,606 407,099 580,705	302,600 1,125,258 1,427,858	21.43 15.57 16.53
ROCKY MOUNTAIN GROUP					
ARIZONA	Federal State & Private TOTAL	8,326 No Data 8,326	22,551 22,551	30,877 30,877	12.08 12.08
COLORADO	Federal State & Private TOTAL	2,175 722 2,897	2,449 4,778 ^{2/} 7,227	4,624 5,500 10,124	15.78 27.64 20.58
IDAHO	Federal State & Private TOTAL	35,407 3,378 38,785	28,995 5,027 34,022	64,402 8,405 72,807	45.64 10.57 33.00
MONTANA	Federal State & Private TOTAL	30,545 3,932 34,477	7,584 7,044 ^{2/} 14,628	38,129 10,976 49,105	36.18 27.65 33.84
NEBRASKA	Federal State & Private TOTAL	4 101 105	345 755 ^{2/} 1,100	349 856 1,205	43.63 13.59 16.97
NEVADA	Federal State & Private TOTAL	4,237 3 4,240	9,524 125 ^{2/} 9,649	13,761 128 13,889	115.64 1.80 73.10
NEW MEXICO	Federal State & Private TOTAL	1,016 646 1,662	1,706 -- 1,706	2,722 646 3,368	2.40 7.60 2.76
SOUTH DAKOTA	Federal State & Private TOTAL	545 9 554	2,956 97 3,053	3,501 106 3,607	18.92 .76 11.13
UTAH	Federal State & Private TOTAL	813 -- 813	1,228 16,396 ^{2/} 17,624	2,041 16,396 18,437	10.00 74.19 43.38
WYOMING	Federal State & Private TOTAL	1,057 186 1,243	346 8 ^{2/} 354	1,403 194 1,597	7.58 2.00 5.66
GROUP TOTAL	Federal State & Private TOTAL	84,125 8,977 93,102	77,684 34,230 111,914	161,809 43,207 205,016	22.63 20.90 22.24
1961					

^{2/} Includes "Non-forest Critical Watershed Area" statistics as follows:

State	Area Burned (Acres)
California	192,457
Colorado	3,637
Hawaii	956
Montana	6,014
Nebraska	755
Nevada	125
Utah	16,396
Wyoming	8

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		Forest Land	Non-forest Land	TOTAL	Average Area Per Fire
		Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres
<u>PACIFIC GROUP</u>					
Alaska	Federal	--	11	11	.34
	State & Private	246	52	298	11.92
	TOTAL	246	63	309	5.42
CALIFORNIA	Federal	16,990	40,155	57,145	22.96
	State & Private	19,870	192,771 ^{2/}	212,641	80.82
	TOTAL	36,860	232,926	269,786	52.69
HAWAII	Federal	1	1 ^{2/}	2	2.00
	State & Private	236	1,717 ^{2/}	1,953	55.80
	TOTAL	237	1,718	1,955	57.50
OREGON	Federal	9,475	19,501	28,976	14.13
	State & Private	17,483	28,493	45,976	36.72
	TOTAL	26,958	47,994	74,952	22.22
WASHINGTON	Federal	4,369	31,514	35,883	34.37
	State & Private	3,071	9,174	12,245	7.39
	TOTAL	7,440	40,688	48,128	17.81
GROUP TOTAL	Federal	30,835	91,182	122,017	21.46
1961	State & Private	40,906	232,207	273,113	48.76
	TOTAL	71,741	323,389	395,130	35.00
<u>NORTH CENTRAL GROUP</u>					
ILLINOIS	Federal	150	3	153	9.56
	State & Private	3,751	3,651	7,402	18.23
	TOTAL	3,901	3,654	7,555	17.90
INDIANA	Federal	26	--	26	5.20
	State & Private	2,904	2,653	5,557	30.87
	TOTAL	2,930	2,653	5,583	30.18
IOWA	Federal	--	10	10	10.00
	State & Private	10	12	22	2.44
	TOTAL	10	22	32	3.20
MICHIGAN	Federal	289	--	289	5.07
	State & Private	7,591	1,242	8,833	6.96
	TOTAL	7,880	1,242	9,122	6.87
MINNESOTA	Federal	2,602	1,449	4,051	30.92
	State & Private	8,609	62,931	71,540	46.58
	TOTAL	11,211	64,380	75,591	49.21
MISSOURI	Federal	691	23	714	5.37
	State & Private	29,230	8,245	37,475	13.79
	TOTAL	29,921	8,268	38,189	13.40
NORTH DAKOTA	Federal	365	575	940	85.45
	State & Private	778	--	778	86.44
	TOTAL	1,143	575	1,718	85.90
OHIO	Federal	45	--	45	5.63
	State & Private	719	1,153	1,872	2.85
	TOTAL	764	1,153	1,917	2.88
WISCONSIN	Federal	636	555	1,191	28.36
	State & Private	6,972	6,345	13,317	6.99
	TOTAL	7,608	6,900	14,508	7.45
GROUP TOTAL	Federal	4,804	2,615	7,419	18.36
1961	State & Private	60,564	86,232	146,796	16.89
	TOTAL	65,368	88,847	154,215	16.96

SOUTHERN GROUP					
ALABAMA	Federal	386	12	398	5.04
	State & Private	82,647	5,897	88,544	15.02
	TOTAL	83,033	5,909	88,942	14.89
ARKANSAS	Federal	1,146	159	1,305	16.31
	State & Private	49,606	--	49,606	21.17
	TOTAL	50,752	159	50,911	21.01
FLORIDA	Federal	2,222	552	2,774	21.18
	State & Private	93,760	1,348	95,108	15.24
	TOTAL	95,982	1,900	97,882	15.36
GEORGIA	Federal	92	6	98	2.58
	State & Private	56,620	10,505	67,125	7.57
	TOTAL	56,712	10,511	67,223	7.55
LOUISIANA	Federal	749	4	753	18.37
	State & Private	47,486	--	47,486	13.29
	TOTAL	48,235	4	48,239	13.35
MISSISSIPPI	Federal	1,560	74	1,634	10.47
	State & Private	54,500	11,228	65,728	11.47
	TOTAL	56,060	11,302	67,362	11.44
NORTH CAROLINA	Federal	786	10	796	14.47
	State & Private	53,786	5,435	59,221	17.02
	TOTAL	54,572	5,445	60,017	16.98
OKLAHOMA	Federal	435	1,032	1,467	54.33
	State & Private	39,541	--	39,541	90.90
	TOTAL	39,976	1,032	41,008	88.76
SOUTH CAROLINA	Federal	707	--	707	8.95
	State & Private	54,107	2,255	56,362	12.32
	TOTAL	54,814	2,255	57,069	12.26
TENNESSEE	Federal	349	15	364	5.13
	State & Private	18,977	271	19,248	6.39
	TOTAL	19,326	286	19,612	6.36
TEXAS	Federal	68	95	163	4.41
	State & Private	7,020	3,177	10,197	10.70
	TOTAL	7,088	3,272	10,360	10.46
GROUP TOTAL	Federal	8,500	1,959	10,459	13.17
	State & Private	558,050	40,116	598,166	13.26
	TOTAL	566,550	42,075	608,625	13.26
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EASTERN GROUP					
CONNECTICUT	Federal	--	--	--	--
	State & Private	675	292	967	3.87
	TOTAL	675	292	967	3.87
DELAWARE	Federal	--	--	--	--
	State & Private	37	--	37	1.28
	TOTAL	37	--	37	1.28
KENTUCKY	Federal	287	3	290	9.06
	State & Private	21,422	6,221	27,643	18.82
	TOTAL	21,709	6,224	27,933	18.61
MAINE	Federal	--	--	--	--
	State & Private	983	1,498	2,481	6.17
	TOTAL	983	1,498	2,481	6.17
MARYLAND	Federal	--	--	--	--
	State & Private	507	40	547	2.12
	TOTAL	507	40	547	2.12
MASSACHUSETTS	Federal	--	--	--	--
	State & Private	1,903	3,783	5,686	1.42
	TOTAL	1,903	3,783	5,686	1.42
NEW HAMPSHIRE	Federal	--	1	1	.25
	State & Private	693	105	798	2.34
	TOTAL	693	106	799	2.32
NEW JERSEY	Federal	--	--	--	--
	State & Private	4,535	300	4,835	5.52
	TOTAL	4,535	300	4,835	5.52
NEW YORK	Federal	--	--	--	--
	State & Private	3,666	774	4,440	6.70
	TOTAL	3,666	774	4,440	6.70
PENNSYLVANIA	Federal	66	1	67	11.17
	State & Private	2,857	180	3,037	5.69
	TOTAL	2,923	181	3,104	5.75
RHODE ISLAND	Federal	--	--	--	--
	State & Private	440	35	475	4.75
	TOTAL	440	35	475	4.75
VERMONT	Federal	--	--	--	--
	State & Private	140	108	248	2.18
	TOTAL	140	108	248	2.18
VIRGINIA	Federal	346	143	489	13.97
	State & Private	3,350	457	3,807	3.29
	TOTAL	3,696	600	4,296	3.60
WEST VIRGINIA	Federal	31	18	49	5.44
	State & Private	8,454	521	8,975	15.19
	TOTAL	8,485	539	9,024	15.04
GROUP TOTAL	Federal	730	166	896	10.30
	State & Private	49,662	14,314	63,976	5.93
	TOTAL	50,392	14,480	64,872	5.97
1961					

SUMMARY OF 1961 FIRE WEATHER

REGION 1 - Idaho and Montana

During mid-June to mid-August there existed extreme drought, high temperatures, and low humidities, except in extreme north. Reversal of weather pattern came about during the last week in August and ended the fire season. Spectacular fires occurred in Idaho.

REGION 2 - Colorado, Nebraska, South Dakota, and Wyoming

In eastern portion of the Region, fire conditions were less severe than during the previous two years. The western portion had high temperatures, low humidities, and excessive winds for the third straight year.

REGION 3 - New Mexico

During May and June drying winds created high burning conditions, but the fire season was shorter than in 1960.

REGION 4 - Nevada and Utah

Drought conditions with high temperatures and low humidities resulted in extreme fire hazard.

REGION 5 - California and Hawaii

In California, precipitation followed last year's pattern of increasing deficiency from north to south. Some areas in the south reported the driest year in over 100 years of weather history. 1961 was the severest fire weather in 15 years. Hawaii reported normal rainfall on several islands.

REGION 6 - Oregon and Washington

The fire season in Oregon was one of the more severe seasons, but slightly less severe than in 1960. The season in western Washington was more severe than in 1960.

REGION 7 - Connecticut, Delaware, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, Virginia, and West Virginia

A cold, wet spring and well distributed rainfall most of the year led to low fire occurrence throughout the Region. Some short periods of dry conditions were experienced in the fall.

REGION 8 - Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Texas

The fire season was better than normal in comparison with the past five years. However, the fall season was the worst since 1954.

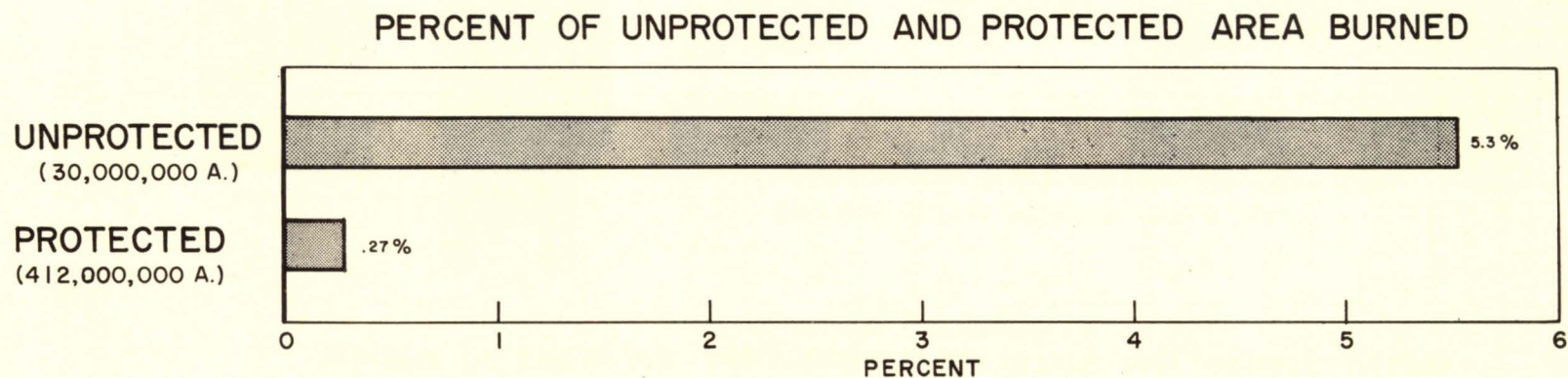
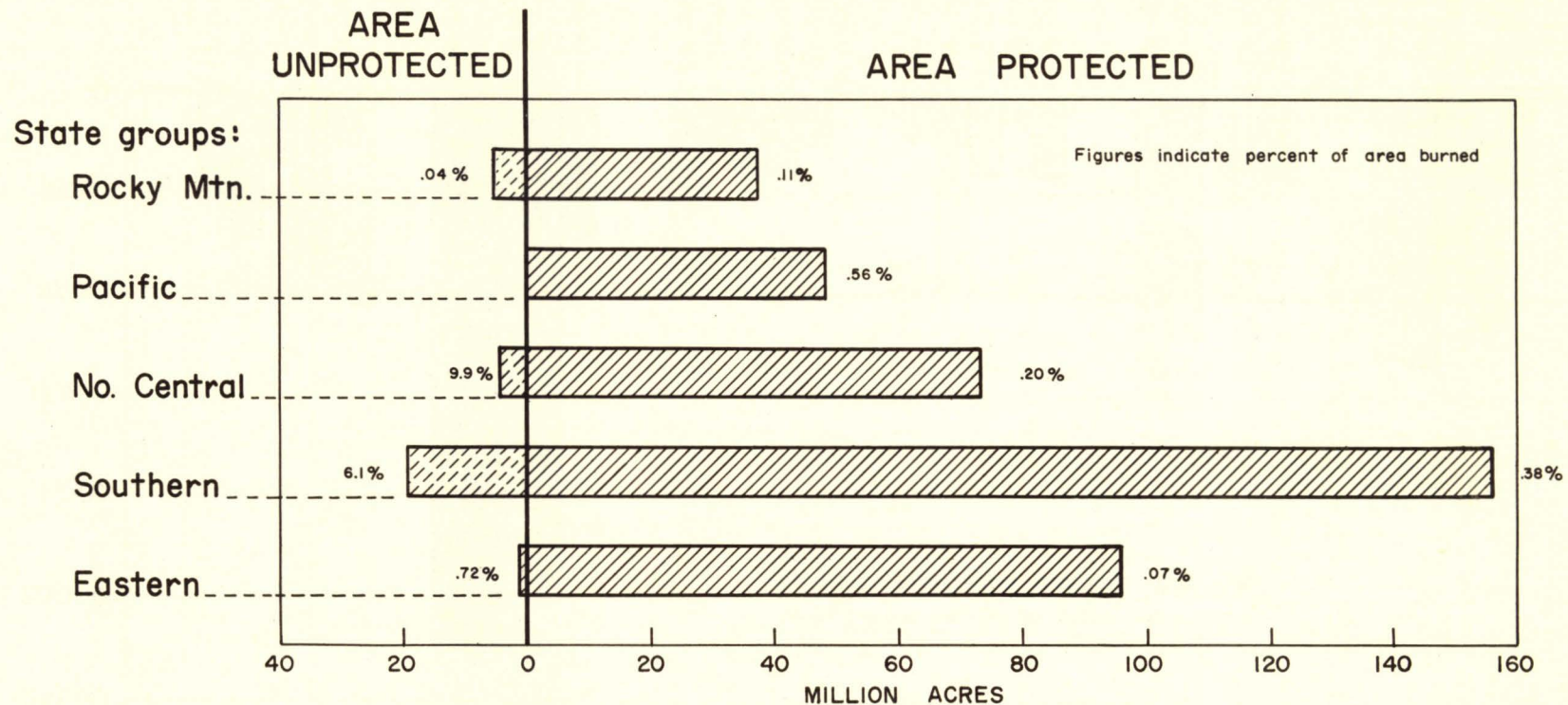
REGION 9 - Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, North Dakota, Ohio, and Wisconsin

The Lake States had a hazardous spring, which continued through the fall in Minnesota and Wisconsin. Other areas had a normal fall. Central States had a normal season.

REGION 10 - Alaska

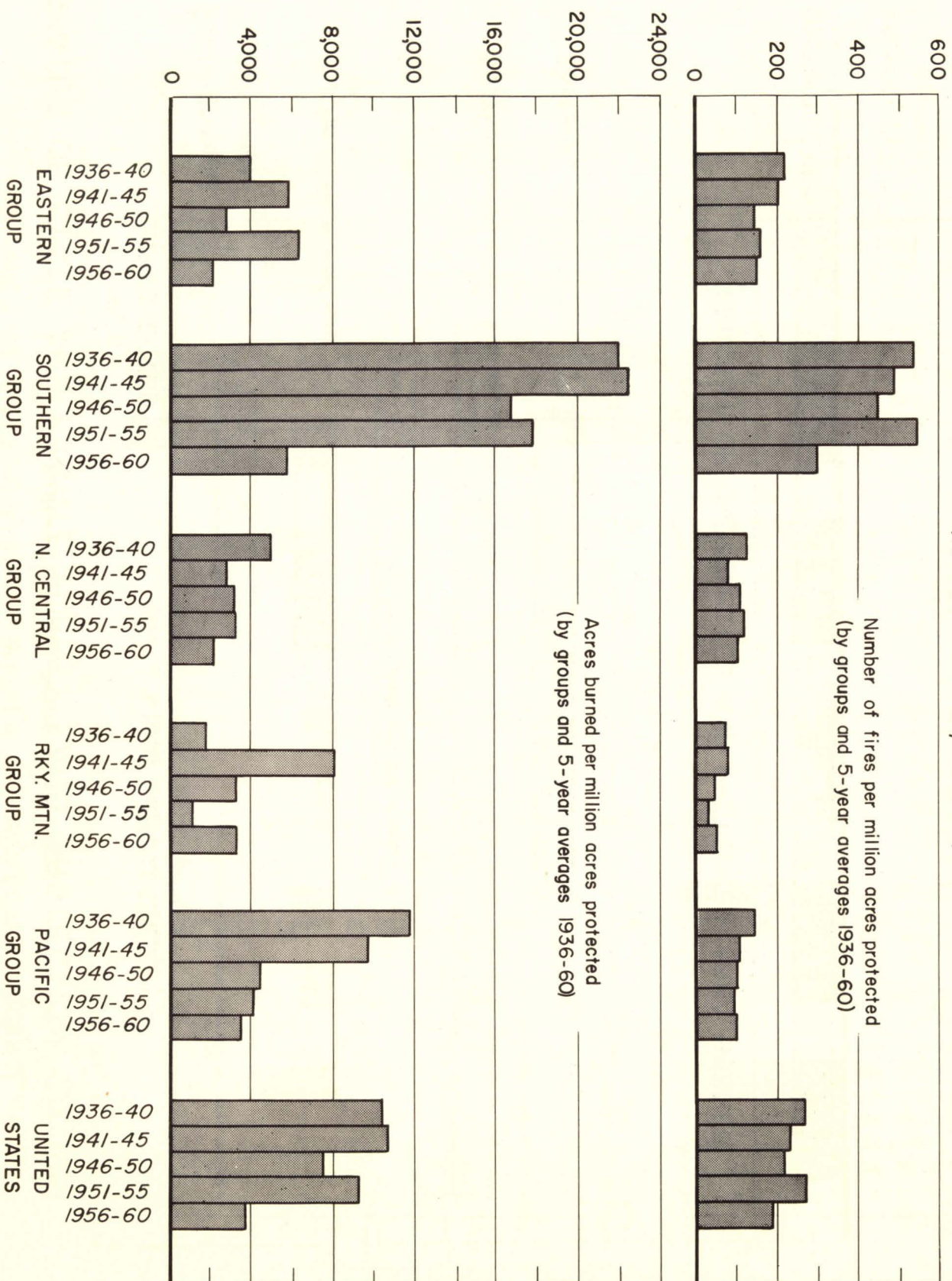
Fire season below normal due to much rain.

STATUS OF STATE AND PRIVATE FOREST LAND PROTECTION C.Y. 1961



NUMBER OF FIRES AND AREA BURNED ON STATE AND PRIVATE LANDS

(CLARKE - McNARY ACT, SECTION 2)



NUMBER OF FIRES AND AREA BURNED ON PROTECTED FEDERAL AND NON-FEDERAL FOREST LANDS

